

***Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525***

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.

**Thursday, October 14, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

★ CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian Bailey
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnaufer

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/ Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. ***"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.***

★ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews and the Village Board paused for a moment of silence for Leonard Castner, Sergeant Jim Clendening's father-in-law who recently passed away.

Mayor Andrews read the following poem into the record in commemoration and out of respect for those that perished in the September 11th attack as well as for all military forces serving around the world to protect our freedom: *"The Day the Towers Fell" A sad day for America as rejoicing rang from hell awakening a mighty giant the day the towers fell. Our hearts were saddened as we watched this vicious act unfold as innocence met a fiery death and seeds of war were sowed. Shouts rang out from the Middle East that Allah has done his good but no god joys in faultless deaths though certain cowards could. America just sort of glides along but don't step on her toes for her belief in right and justice will stomp out freedoms foes."* Mayor Andrews and the Board paused for a moment of silence in memory of the victims, their families, first responders and our nation that still suffers from the effects of the terror attack on September 11th.

Mayor Andrews noted that educational sessions, competitions and contests are being hosted by Toastmaster this year on November 5th and November 6th in Countryside at the Holiday Inn if anyone is interested in attending.

Mayor Andrews stated that Nicor Gas informed the Village of some programs to help save costs through residential energy efficiency rebate programs as well as programs that are available to businesses as well. He noted the residential rebate program is intended to help homeowners achieve long term natural gas savings through education and financial rebate that may reduce the cost of purchasing and installing high efficiency natural gas equipment such as hot water heaters, furnaces and boilers. He noted additional information regarding the rebate program is available at www.nicorgasrebates.com

Mayor Andrews noted in a continuing effort to reduce Village expenses, the Village will not be hosting a Halloween party this year. Mayor Andrews further noted that a special town hall Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall concerning the home rule referendum. He noted that the meeting is important to the community and he encouraged residents to attend the meeting to learn more about home rule. Mayor Andrews mentioned that a home rule information paper was printed in the last issue of Smoke Signals and copies are also available at the Village Offices if anyone needs a copy. Mayor Andrews stated that there have been some delivery issues with the LaGrange Post Office concerning the Smoke Signals newsletter regarding certain carrier routes and he hopes to get those issues resolved with the LaGrange Post Office for future mailings.

★ CONSENT AGENDA

Reappointment of Frank Alonzo to the E-911 Board for the term ending October 13, 2011

Approval of Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Lines of Credit with Pan American Bank (Ordinance #2010-9)

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 15 Adopting the State of Illinois Plumbing Code and the International Energy Conservation Code (Ordinance #2010-10)

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4/0/2).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Coleman, Schnaufer,

Nays: None

Absent: Bermier, Walsh

★ APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT - TREASURER STEVE BUSA

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2010

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2010. He noted: (1) total revenues were \$154,337.27 (2) expenditures were \$238,152.81 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of September were \$439,618.75.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2010 as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4/0/2).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Coleman, Schnaufer,

Nays: None

Absent: Bermier, Walsh

Treasurer Busa reported that the Cook County Assessor's Office has indicated that the tax bill installment notices will not be sent out until after Thanksgiving. He noted if that is true, it will affect the portion of real estate tax revenue coming into the Village for budget purposes. Mayor Andrews asked Treasurer Busa if a date was given when the tax bills would be due if those bills are mailed out after Thanksgiving. Treasurer Busa stated that generally the tax bills would be due about thirty (30) days after they are mailed to the residents.

Mayor Andrews noted one of the reasons the Board approved an ordinance this evening with Pan American Bank to establish a line of credit is to be able to manage finances during times when revenue payments from other sources are late in being received by the Village. He further noted that there are two significant debt certificate payments due by the end of this year that must be paid. Mayor Andrews stated this is one example of how the Village must react on short notice to revenue that will not be received on time from another governmental agency that will cost the Village money because the County cannot get its job done in a timely fashion.

★ APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2010

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the September 9, 2010 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4/0/2).

**★ QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE BY
INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS ONLY**

Al Krisciunas, of Briarwood Square, stated that some residents of Acacia have mentioned that there have been some gas leaks throughout Acacia from the exterior natural gas connections at some meters and outside pipeline. He noted that residents of 215 Cascade and 207 Cascade had difficulty getting Nicor Gas to come out to check for leaks on the outside meters. He noted the Pleasantview Fire Protection District came out to verify the outside leaks and they reported it to Nicor Gas. Al Krisciunas stated that because Acacia was built in the 1970's some of the meters may be failing and need to be replaced by Nicor. He asked if the Village has options for a better response from Nicor Gas.

Frank Alonzo stated that he contacted the government community affairs person at Nicor Gas and is waiting for a return phone call. He noted that all residents should always contact the fire department if they smell natural gas and suspect a leak because they have the proper equipment to detect gas leaks and will make a determination to contact Nicor Gas.

Trustee Coleman stated that the natural gas meters at Wilshire Green are all located inside the building and Nicor Gas changes out those meters periodically as well as other meters that are replaced each year throughout the entire operating area. Mayor Andrews mentioned that counsel stated that residents can also contact and voice their concerns with the Illinois Commerce Commission who has the regulatory authority over utility companies.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village of Indian Head Park first entered into a franchise agreement with Nicor Gas in 1959 when the Village was incorporated. That fifty (50) year franchise agreement expired last year and the Village has joined the consortium with other towns to try to negotiate a new franchise agreement with Nicor Gas. He noted that Nicor is still providing the same services and there are no changes to the delivery of natural gas to residents while a new franchise agreement is being explored.

Aileen Henckel, of Algonquin, reminded everyone about the Heritage Center Book Sale that will be held this coming Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Heritage Center Library.

★ ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4/0/2).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary